The disinvestment of 26% equity of Indian Petrochemicals Corporation Ltd. (IPCL) through strategic sale was completed on 4.6.2002 New management of IPCL has announced an expansion plan of about Rs. 1,000 crore.

Conclusion of transactions for the hotel properties of ITDC started from 29.11.2001. Many of the properties are under renovation by the new owners. Transactions of 3 hotel properties of Hotel Corporation of India Ltd. were completed during March-June, 2002

For these companies, it is too early to assess performance in terms of turnover and profit.

Utilisation of disinvestment funds

1191. SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN
SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN

Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state.

(a) the purpose for which funds received from disinvestment of ITDC hotels were spent; and

(b) the details of amount spent for rural development poverty alleviation, modernisation of public sector enterprises and repaying of loans?

THE MINISTER OF DISINVESTMENT (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) and (b) The disinvestment proceeds accruing to the Government are deposited in the Consolidated Fund of India like any other receipt of Government of India. The expenditures out of the Consolidated Fund of India include outlays for rural development, poverty alleviation, restructuring of public sector enterprises, repayment of loans etc. The expenditure incurred for these purposes is much higher than the receipts from disinvestment. It is not possible to indicate the precise proportion of such expenditure that is met out of the receipts from disinvestment of ITDC hotels.

Achievement of Disinvestment Target

1192. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA. Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that against the Government target for disinvestment of Rs. 10,000/- crore each for the years 1999-2000 and